

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Inheritance by Faith, Not Law-Keeping | Romans 4:13-25

WORSHIP

How can your discipleship group start with worship today?

WALK

Spend time understanding and applying God's Word.

1. REVIEW + UNDERSTAND

OUR PROMISED INHERITANCE IS RECEIVED THROUGH FAITH NOT REWARDED THROUGH LAW-KEEPING.

1. How large a role does faith and promise play in the Old Testament? What are some stories that come to mind? What does Paul say would make faith and promise null and void?
2. Paul says where there is no law, there is no transgression. Why, then, was the law given? What does the law tell us of the character of God? What does faith and promise tell us of the character of God?
3. Paul describes God as the one who "gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist." How is this a good reminder considering the things that could have been discouraging for Abraham?
4. What does Paul say could have weakened Abraham's faith? What strengthened his faith?

2. ASSESS + APPLY

1. Do you see yourself as part of a larger story, of part of the story of what God was doing through Abraham?
2. How is your faith doing? What are the circumstances or thoughts that could weaken your faith? Are there patterns of glory-giving in your life that sustain your faith?
3. How can faith, promise, and inheritance be a source of joy for you this week?

LOOKING AHEAD

Read next week's passage and ask: What does it say? What does it mean? How should I respond?

Romans 5:1-5

WORK

How should this message affect how you serve one another?

WITNESS

How should this message affect how you share the Gospel?